

is that much more could be done in addition to this, and so we're hoping that the medical center will reevaluate what they've done, consider what they could do and take additional steps to address this very important problem and future concern that we need to address now in anticipation of developments about to occur in the health care system. That's a summary of what the committee amendments do. I would ask for their adoption and be happy to answer any questions.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Wesely. Mr. Clerk, an amendment to the committee amendments.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Lynch would move to amend the committee amendments. The amendment is on page 1123 of the Journal.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Lynch.

SENATOR LYNCH: Mr. Speaker and members, I respectfully offer this amendment, found on page 1123. It has to do with simply recognizing that in Nebraska there are two very significant, two very significant higher education programs supplying people who will work in health care and, hopefully, in Nebraska. I want to let you know I support LB 505. I think it's a good concept. But, however, students who are attending public sector of higher education in Nebraska already receive a significant state subsidy. For example, we provide more than \$70 million in General Funds to the University of Nebraska Medical Center, about 60 million is earmarked for education. And, to be completely frank, there is an average of about \$25,000 of student subsidy based on those numbers. On the other hand, for the private side, which includes seven colleges and universities, including Creighton, College of St. Mary's, Clarkson, Nebraska Methodist College and Nebraska Wesleyan, Union College, Midland Lutheran and Hastings College. They receive less than 720,000. To put it another way, it costs us more than 60 million for half of the health science degrees and no more than 300,000 for the other. It just seemed to me that it would be appropriate for us as we talk about this very important need, which I support, that we also consider all of the institutions of higher education that provide the need. I passed out to you a document that indicates...four or five pages here that indicates the total number of degrees in Nebraska and the source and, in fact, the universities and colleges involved, and if you can see that...that over half of the professionals,